

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were pending and rejected. Claims 1-14 and 16-29 are being amended.
Reconsideration in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

In the first section, the Examiner rejected claims 11-19 under 35 USC § 101 as containing unpatentable subject matter. Each of the independent claims, namely, claims 11, 18 and 19 are being amended to include the step of “receiving a computer-based request to access said resource from a user” and to include “a first table” and “a second table.” Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims now embody only patentable subject matter.

In the second section, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 USC § 103 as obvious over Lumelsky in view of Coyote.

Lumelsky discloses a method of regulating server resources. When clients request to use streaming object resources, Service Management Layer (Figure 6 of Lumelsky) maps the request to available servers based on predetermined criteria. System Management Layer (Figure 6 of Lumelsky) shapes capacity of object resources based on demands, available server resources and willingness of servers. As the Examiner agrees, Lumelsky does not teach a time based component for billing purposes. Coyote teaches that SprintPCS offers calling plans based on the time zone.


Niether Lumelsky or Coyote teaches a system that enables or disables users from accessing the storage systems during time periods outside permitted time periods. Claim 1 requires “storage access service system operative to grant authorization to access said at least one storage unit based upon a time component.” Claim 11 requires “granting access to said resource based upon said identity of said user, said identity of said resource, and said time zone using the first table.” Claim 18 requires “using the first table to enable the user to access the disk subsystem only during the at least one of a plurality of permitted access times.” Claim 19 requires “using the first table to enable the user to access the disk subsystem only during the at least one of a plurality of permitted access times.” Accordingly, since each of the independent

claims contains language not described by Lumelsky or Coyote, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims 1-11 are patentable over Lumelsky in view of Coyote for at least the above reasons.

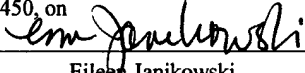
If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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